
Who Should You Contact if You are Interested in Participating in the UAIZ Program?

For more information regarding the program and application, check out:

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

<http://planning.lacounty.gov/uaiz>

For general inquiries and questions, contact:

LAFPC UAIZ Program Help Desk

Phone Number: (323) 487-9296

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Resources for Urban Farmers



United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Urban Agriculture Toolkit

[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/knownyourfarmer?
navid=kyf-urban-agric](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/knownyourfarmer?navid=kyf-urban-agric)

About Los Angeles Food Policy Council

The Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFPC) is a collective impact initiative, working to make Southern California a Good Food region for everyone—where food is healthy, affordable, fair and sustainable. Our Urban Agriculture Working Group is comprised of over 300 individuals and organizations working to advance policy that supports urban agriculture throughout LA.



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INCENTIVE ZONE (UAIZ) Program

What is the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones (UAIZ) Program?

By bringing together property owners and community members, the UAIZ Program aims to increase land access for urban agriculture. Property owners who designate their land for agricultural purposes provide an opportunity for community members to grow food. In return, property owners receive a reduction in property taxes. The UAIZ Program is currently available in the City of Los Angeles and unincorporated Los Angeles County – check with your city to see if they've adopted a similar program. To be eligible for the tax incentive, urban farmers and property owners must establish a lease for at least 5 years. A property owner who grows on their own property would also qualify!



"There's a lot of vacant land in LA and owners have few incentives to let community members cultivate it. But with Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones that may change, because we're talking about thousands of dollars in savings." – Cyndi, Los Angeles Property Owner

Why does the UAIZ Program Matter?



"This is an easy way for property owners to have a profound impact in the community. While the policy brings some financial gain to the owner; there is a social, environmental and educational benefit to the broader community that cannot be obtained through most development alternatives." – Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Executive Director of Social Justice Learning Institute

Why Urban Agriculture?

Growing food on underutilized land in urban cities has many potential benefits, including:

- Increase access to fresh, nutritious foods for families
- Potential supplemental income through urban agriculture
- Reduction of blight and illegal dumping
- Vibrant green spaces and recreation opportunities
- Mitigation of heat-island effect through asphalt conversion and tree shading
- Increased public safety through neighborhood connectivity & active streets

Information provided by:

University of California, Division of Agriculture & Natural Resources:
<http://ucanr.edu/sites/UrbanAg/Research/>

Does the Property Owner Qualify?

- ✓ Is the land vacant or empty of dwellings?
- ✓ Is the land located in the City of LA or an unincorporated area of LA County?
- ✓ Is the land between 0.1 to 3 acres?

If yes, then you and your community could benefit from the UAIZ program!

How Much Money Can the Property Owner Save By Participating in the UAIZ Program?

After an agreement is made between the tax authority, property owner(s), and urban farmer(s), the value of the property is reassessed to the average per-acre value of irrigated cropland. Participating UAIZ program properties receive a reduced tax assessment while the market value of the property remains unaffected. In 2016, the value of irrigated cropland per acre (43, 560 sq ft) is \$12,700.

FOR EXAMPLE

Property Value: \$300,000

Square Feet: 21,780 (0.5 acre)

Property Taxes at 1%: \$3,000 per year



After UAIZ program implementation:

Property Reassessed Value: \$6,350

Property Taxes Reassessed at 1%: \$63.50 per year

**SAVINGS =
2,936.50!**